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The objectors are represent-
ed and Lee, John A. Brown,
ld, A. F. Smith and A. H.

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that the city was ready for
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IS DEWEY IN A TRAP?

Unofficial News From Ma- Capture of a French Liner
nila==Great Loss of Life Off the Coast of Cuba==
Reported Among Tried to Run the
the Spaniards. Ship Blockade.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON STILL AT SEA

LONDON, May 6.--A Shanghai special gives what purports to be a Japanese report of the fighting at Ma-
nila via the Islands of Formosa. It says that after disposing of the Spanish fleet and Cavite, Commodore
Dewey bombarded Manila itself. The city, it appears, was soon on fire in many parts, the work chiefly of the
insurgents. Great loss of life is reported among the Spanish residents at Manila.

LONDON, May 6.--At the suggestion of Lord Salisbury, the ex-Spanish minister to the United
States, Polo y Bernabe, has left Canada for Madrid.

WASHINGTON, May 6.--It is expected in administration circles that Porto Rico will be taken by the United
States tomorrow. A cabinet officer said today that important news might be expected from Porto Rico Sun-
day next.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 6.--Firing at sea was heard off Charleston this morning. No vessels sighted.

ON THE RUSH TO TAMPA. COMES BY WAY OF LONDON.

All Regiments at Chickamauga Are Ready to Move at A Message Stating That Commodore Dewey Simply
a Moment's Notice. Cleaned Out Manila.

Chattanooga, May 6.--The Twenty-fifth regiment, infantry, colored,
Col. Burt, left for Tampa this afternoon on special trains for a quick trip. Every
regiment at Chickamauga has received orders to ship all surplus baggage to
the home posts at once. The order is being carried out and the army may now
be said to be ready with simply field equipment to move at a moment's notice.

Means Immediate Invasion.

Tampa, Fla., May 6.--Seven transport ships now here will soon be ready to
load troops. They are coaling and carpenters are at work fitting up the stalls
for the horses. There is great uncertainty as to the time of sailing. It will
probably not be before decisive action between the Spanish and American fleets.

Denied by Long.

Washington, May 6.--At 3:30 this afternoon Secretary Long assured the
Associated Press that he had received absolutely nothing concerning Dewey's
operations at Manila.

BOMBARDMENT.

Key West, May 6.--Cienfuegos has been bom-
barded. Not only did the Marblehead silence the bat-
teries of the town on the afternoon of April 29, but
shelled the town itself, playing havoc with the build-
ings and driving thousands of the inhabitants to the
interior. The shooting at the forts was at 4000 yards.
As soon as the forts were disabled Captain McCalla
ordered that the 5-inch guns be given an elevation to
reach the 8000 yards.

Firing began with the starboard batteries followed
by the ports.

Dewey-Sampson.

London, May 6.--Spanish authorities intimate
that Commodore Dewey has been entrapped by gun-

boats kept concealed outside the harbor. It is be-
lieved, however, that they are only trying to make
as much as possible out of the situation in the ab-
sence of definite news. It is said that there are indi-
cations that Admiral Sampson may attack the Canary
Islands.

Significant.

London, May 6.--It is considered as significant
that the British naval authorities here decided to im-
mediately commission two battleships just completed.

Still No News.

Washington, May 6, 11 a. m.--No news here from
Dewey.

Hong Kong, May 6.--Communication with Manila
is not yet restored.

Relief.

Washington, May 6.--The Tribune says Admiral
Sampson has been instructed to send a war ship im-
mediately to the relief of Americans residing at Na-
vassa Island.

Ready for Action.

New York, May 6.--A Kingston special says: Four
American warships have been sighted off Porto
De Banos, Cuba. They are supposed to a part of
Sampson's Fleet.

Pope and Queen Regent.

NEW YORK, May 6.--A Rome special
says: The pope has sent a telegram to
the queen regent advising an immediate
appeal to the European powers of media-
tion in the war with America. His Hol-
iness is said to have promised his support
and that of the powers to obtain an im-
mediate solution of the difficulty.
Adm. M.

BASE BALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

4, Philadelphia 3.

8, Boston 3.

1, Washington 2.

3, Louisville 3.

Pittsburg 3.

STERN LEAGUE.

10, Detroit 6.

10, Minneapolis 7.

8, San Antonio 5.

Matron 2.

Verity 19, DuPanw 0.

HILLER AGAIN TODAY.

ter was in the county court

noon answering questions

his creditors. The latter

what his financial condi-

whether or not he has any

of his assets. In regard

to the store Hillier said

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used they were correct and

oks of his business would

himself. He said that the

ed was because he gave cred-

persons who didn't pay

so said that when he made

in regard to having other

was just joking and didn't

one believed him.

Patriotic Social.

mediate Christian Endeavor

First Baptist church will

to social at the church on

May 12. Several address-

recitations and songs will

program.

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the old daughter of Mr. and

harris of near Beardale, died

of meningitis. The funeral

Friday morning at Boiling

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Wheat and Decatur pension

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FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1898.



Uncle Sam to Spain—Don't monkey
with the "pigs."

Spain seems to accept the United States
as a belligerent since Montojo met Dewey.

According to fighting Bob Evans' theory
of the Spanish hereafter this war is caus-
ing a rise in the price of sulphur in two
worlds.

The Philippines have suffered many
earthquakes, but the one produced by
Dewey was the worst and will be remem-
bered longest.

The reports from Cuba indicate that
Blanco is in a frame of mind that would
lead him to welcome Dewey at the head
of an army to help him surrender.

The Spanish queen is a goner. The
government probably intends to assault
her with sewing machines as Wheeler and
Wilson have been appointed major gen-
erals.

Spain, at present, does not know
whether she will stick to the boy king or
change to Weyler or Don Carlos. Per-
haps it would be better to reject them all
and go into political liquidation.

A Hamburg paper suggests that Ger-
many should found a new empire in Cen-
tral America. Perhaps that paper has
forgotten the results of Austria's efforts in
that direction in 1864.

About a week ago the Spanish news-
papers were much concerned about the
Indian uprising in Illinois. At present
they have all they can do with the upris-
ing of their own Indians.

With the Philippine Islands in Asia,
the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific, the
Nicaraguan canal, Porto Rico and a navy
twice as large as the present one, Uncle
Sam will be able to wear pantaloons as
long as his legs.

Bryan wants something to do in the
present war. Why not make him a pay-
master and give him an opportunity to
lose something about the value of 100
cent dollars. It would be a better school
for him than Coln's Financial School.

It takes Dewey a good deal longer to
write and send a report of his great vic-
tory than it did to fight it. That marks
the difference between a fighter and a
meritless. The latter would have made a
small fight and a big report, while the
former made a big fight, won a big vic-
tory and knows the story will not spoil.

The "European concert" is not furnish-
ing the music for the present war. Uncle
Sam is in it on his own hook and desires
that the "concert of the powers" be seated
in order that they may listen to the
music of Professors Dewey, Sampson and
Soley, who are the leaders of the only
genuine American world wide concert—the
only real musical concert on earth, which
furnishes its own specially designed
program of boats, and takes the crowd.

Apparent Trick of the Calendar.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The battle
of Manila occurred on Sunday forenoon,
while Madrid got an intimation of it ear-
lier on Sunday morning, although the re-
port was not sent immediately after the
fight. If the transmission of the news had
been instantaneous, Madrid would have
heard of it several hours before sun-
rise, in local time, on Sunday morning,
while the United States would have heard
of it on Saturday afternoon. This, as
first thought, is difficult to understand.
It is hard to grasp the fact that the occur-
rence of a thing can be known before it
takes place. Therefore, if the result of
the battle of Manila, which seems to have
been finished around 7 or 8 o'clock on
Sunday forenoon, had been learned on
Saturday evening in the United States, it
would look as if the calendar had been
playing some trick on this country.

And yet if this had happened—that is,
if the transmission of the news had been
instantaneous, and we had heard of Dewey's
victory the day before his battle was
fought—the calendar's veracity would not
have been open to indictment. The dis-
crepancy would be simply due to the dif-
ference in local time. In the earth's rota-
tion toward on the axis every point on
the surface has the sun on its meridian at
different times, consequently, each day,

and the day at each particular point be-
gins 15 hours earlier, or at midnight.
Thus, in appearance, the sun makes a
complete circuit of the earth, 360 degrees
every 24 hours, or at the rate of 15 de-
grees every hour. Points 15 degrees of
longitude east of St. Louis have noon an
hour earlier than St. Louis, or when it is
11 o'clock in the forenoon here. Places
15 degrees west of St. Louis have noon
an hour later than we do, or at 1 o'clock
in the afternoon of our local time.

This will furnish a key to the Manila
battle puzzle. St. Louis is about 90 de-
grees west of Greenwich, the conven-
tional prime meridian, while the Philippine
Islands are approximately 130 degrees
east of Greenwich. Thus the Philippines
are about 210 degrees east of St. Louis,
looking toward Greenwich, and the sun is
in their meridian 14 hours earlier than
it is in ours. The meridian of 130 de-
grees from Greenwich east or west, which
is in the Pacific, has been fixed upon for
convenience as the date line. Persons
sailing west across that line lose 24 hours
in local time. If it is Sunday noon to
them when the bow of their boat touches
the 180 degree meridian it is Monday
noon, or a few seconds afterward, when
their vessel's stern is across it. The op-
posite is the case with those sailing over
that line eastward. To persons traveling
westward the Philippines are west of the
water line. The new day—Sunday, Mon-
day, or whatever else it may be—strikes
them earlier than it does Europe, and
still earlier than it does America. It
strikes the Philippines, for example, ap-
proximately 14 hours earlier than it does
St. Louis. Thus when Dewey's shot that
was heard round the world was fired at 5
o'clock on Sunday morning in Philippine
Islands time, the local time in St. Louis
was 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

BLUE MOUND GRADUATES.

Close of the School Year Tonight—
The Exercises.

The Blue Mound school closes its year's
work this afternoon. All the rooms close
at the same time. Graduating exercises
will be held in the Christian church this
evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Fol-
lowing is the program which will be ren-
dered:

Music—Band.
Invocation—Rev. W. Wanless.
Regimental Two Step—Mandolin Club.
Essay, "Self Restraint"—Miss Edna
Cartwright.
Trio "Vocal Waltz"—Misses Johnson
and Dreesback and Mrs. Kyrer.
Violin Solo, with Piano Accompani-
ment—Trena Miller and Vernon Hen-
shel.
Paper, "Napoleon Bonaparte"—Roy
Cartwright.
Music—Band.
Vocal Solo—Miss Lola Riber.
Eloquence March—Mandolin Club.
Duet, "Two Merry Alpine Maids"—
Mrs. Kyrer and Miss Johnson.
Recitation—Orpha Blaney.
Instrumental Solo, "Masurka"—Miss
Grace Coffey.
Violin Solo—Prof. Soidan.
Essay, "Character"—Bertha Schowaka.
Presentation of Diplomas—Rev. W. L.
Banks.
Music—Band.
Benediction—Rev. W. L. Ennefer.

Millions Given Away.
It is certainly gratifying to the public
to know of one concern in the land who
are not afraid to be generous to the
needy and suffering. The proprietors
of Dr. King's New Discovery for Con-
sumption, Coughs and Colds, have given
away over ten million trial bottles of
this great medicine, and have the satis-
faction of knowing it has absolutely
cured thousands of hopeless cases.
Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all
diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs
are surely cured by it. Call on J. E.
King and C. F. Shilling, druggists, and
get a trial bottle for 10c. Regular size
50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed
or price refunded.

A Novel Meeting.
The topic for Christian Endeavor soci-
eties all over the world next Sunday eve-
ning, May 8, will be "Things We Unde-
rstand Has Accomplished." The Pres-
byterian society will study the seals of
the different boards of their church. A
local artist has enlarged the picture of
these seals and a description of each one
will be given. The work of each of the
boards will also be told. Dr. Silas Mc-
Clelland will have charge of the meeting
and it is earnestly hoped that a large rep-
resentation of the church membership
will attend this interesting meeting.

Some of the work that has been accom-
plished by the Presbyterian church is the
spending of more than \$18,000,000 for the
support of its churches and for benevolent
and missionary work.
Educated 1400 students for gospel min-
istry.
Taught over 1,000,000 pupils in its
Sabbath schools.
Organized 163 new churches in the
United States.
Aided in the erection of 194 church
buildings.
Added more than 37,000 persons on
contribution to its roll of church members.
Supports 708 American missionaries
and 1809 native workers in foreign lands.
Supplies 116 home missionaries and 808
missionary teachers in home field.
Besides this has 175 ministers and 304 teach-
ers engaged in Freedmen's Mission work.

Almost Home.
Mrs. Beck and nephew, Buck Worms,
who have been absent since the first of
the year on a trip throughout Europe,
will arrive home on Saturday.

TAKE TO TATTING.

Women of Leisure Have a New Oc-
cupation in the Fancy Work of
Their Grandmothers.

Women of leisure have a new occupa-
tion. They have taken to the fancy
work of their grandmothers and grand-
aunts. Flimsy knotted tating is to
be seen these days in the slender
hands of fair maids and young matrons.
Scores of years ago it was the fash-
ionable handiwork of women when spend-
ing the afternoon at the homes of their
friends. In those far-off days too it was
the favorite trimming for dainty un-
derclothes, and also the fancy aprons
in which no grandmamma or fond mam-
ma's daughter ever failed to appear.
And now, after all these long years,
some clever maid has resurrected from
some long-unused workbox a tortoise
shuttle. After weaving it in and out
with the finest linen thread the trim-
ing of her long-dead ancestors ap-
pears.

But one thing is sure, the maid who
undertakes to make this fancy trim-
ing for garments has delicate white
hands with perfectly cared for nails. The
girl who has not long white fingers
tipped with shell pink nails never takes
to her grandmother's tating for amuse-
ment. The long shiny thread needs to
be twisted about the thumb, middle
and little fingers of the left hand, while
the old-fashioned shuttle is taken deli-
cately between the thumb and the
first finger of the right and slipped in
and out, over and under, time and time
again, while the pretty hands are well
exposed to view.

In no hand work are well-cared for
fingers so much shown to advantage as
in the dainty handwork of the grand-
dames. Knitting, crocheting and sewing
are all well enough in their way,
but fair fingers will become stained
from the dye in wool. No matter how
beautifully brilliant the reds and pinks
may be in yarn and worsted, it is an-
other thing when it is transferred to
fingers which should always be spotless.
A delicate steel needle may also look
pretty glistening in the sun, but pricks
are never comfortable and the scars
left from them are not supposed to be
becoming to the ladies who neither toil
nor spin.

But tating is different. Not only is
it pretty work, but its simplicity recom-
mends it to those fair ones who love
to chatter. After the number of knots
in the little round meshes are once well
fixed in the fair tatters' minds it is not
necessary that the progress of the work
should be studied. Only thought need
be given that the fingers are held in a
graceful pose. Then, too, such won-
ders in the way of shuttles have been
originated by goldsmiths. They alone
would turn the heads of one's grand-
mamas. These poor, simple dears
were quite content to make their tat-
ting with a black rubber shuttle, or the
most envied of their number was
sometimes presented by Reuben or Jo-
siah with a tortoise shell that was
shown about the neighborhood and was
discussed for weeks to come at the tea-
drinkings of sisters, cousins and aunts.
—Chicago Chronicle.

A Clever Trick.
It certainly looks like it, but there is
really no trick about it. Anybody can
try it who has Lame Back and Weak
Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles.
We mean he can cure himself right away
by taking Electric Bitters. This medi-
cine tones up the whole system, acts as
a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is
a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It
cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting
Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy.
It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative,
and restores the system to its normal
vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be con-
vinced that they are a miracle worker.
Every bottle guaranteed, Only 50c.
a bottle at J. E. King's and C. F. Shil-
ling's Drug Store.

Arrived Yesterday.
Our fresh stock of garden seeds, every-
thing in that line can be had at Leon &
Morris' store, 138 East Wood street.—15-
dt

Postoffice Bill.
WASHINGTON, May 5.—The senate
consideration of the postoffice appropria-
tion bill has begun.

The farmer, the mechanic and the
bicycle rider are liable to unexpected
cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch
Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on
hand. It heals quickly, and is a well
known cure for piles. H. W. Bell.

The empire of the Spaniards founded
in this country, just after the discovery,
comprised about 12,000,000 square miles
of territory.

Late reports indicate that American
coal will soon find a market in the Baltic
ports of Russia.

**CARTER'S
LITTLE
LIVER
PILLS**

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these
Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia,
Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A per-
fect remedy for Bile, Nausea, Drowsi-
ness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue,
Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They
Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Box, 25c. Small Dose.
Small Price.

THREE BIG BARGAINS THIS WEEK

—IN OUR—

Dress Goods Department JUST 52 PIECES IN THE LOT,

Thirteen Pieces

All Wool Fancy Dress Goods, light colors, 36 and 38 inches wide;
early price 35c; to close out at 19c yd.

Fifteen Pieces

All Wool Novelty Dress Goods, 40 and 42 inches wide, in choice spring
colors; early price 40c and 50c per yd.; to close at 29c yd.

Twenty-four Pieces

All Wool and Silk and Wool Light Dress Goods including pretty
checks and blocks, 44 to 48 inches wide; early price 75c, 90c and
\$1.00 per yard; all marked to close at 49c yd.

Bradley Bros
DRY GOODS & MILLINERY
Decatur, Ill.

Morgan Street and Wabash
Avenue.

TWO DAYS—STARTING

* MONDAY, MAY 9th, *

Afternoon and Evening.

**Gentry's
Famous
DOG AND PONY
SHOW.**

Everything New This Year.
Watch for the Grand Free Street
Parade.

ADMISSION:
CHILDREN.....10 CENTS
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J. F. GIVEN, Manager.

One Week Commencing
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Return of the Favorites,

**HOLDEN'S BIG
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The Record Breakers.

ALL NEW PLAYS.
Changes of Specialties Nightly.
Continuous Performances.

A Company of unusual merit supporting the
bright repertoire.

Kittie DeLorme,
In a repertoire of the latest plays, songs
and dances.

Opening performance Monday night—the suc-
cessful Comedy Drama,

...THE ARABIAN NIGHTS...

POPULAR PRICES:

10c, 20c, 30c.

The Ladies will be admitted free Monday
night when accompanied by a person with a
paid reserve seat ticket. Seats on sale Satur-
day morning.

**Macon County Teachers' Examina-
tions, 1896-7.**

1. First Saturday in February.
2. First Saturday in April.
3. First Saturday in June.
4. At close of Teachers' Institute.
5. First Saturday of November.
Examinations will begin promptly at 9 a. m.
On the day, Saturday.

JOHN G. KILLER, Secy.,
Decatur, Illinois.

COLD, DAMP WEATHER

Again Grips us by the Throat, but you can shake off that
dreadful "Grip," Cough or Cold, if you will use



The Great 4-C Remedy.

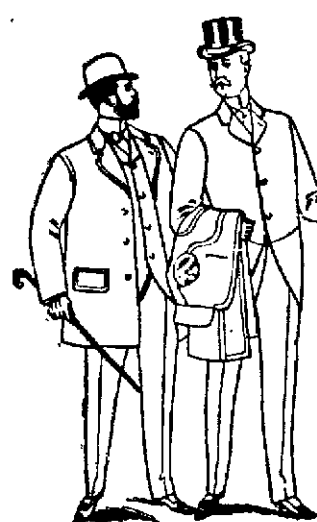
WHAT IF NOT MIRACLES?

The great Four-C Remedy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly mir-
aculous as it ever falls to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor
for any one interested to write the persons whose names appear below or any one
whose names may appear among these testimonials.)
Its aim is to convince the public of my sincerity and of the
true merits of this remedy.

<p>BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE. Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES," Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 12, '97. GENTLEMEN—I believe it my duty to write you a line in regard to the beneficial effect of Phelps' "Four C Remedy," so far as I am per- sonally concerned. A week ago last Thursday, I was taken with a severe attack of the grippe and in a short time became so hoarse I could not speak above a whisper. The night previous I coughed nearly the entire night; just before rising I took a teaspoonful, and slept the en- tire night as sweetly as ever I did in my life, not coughing once. I was entirely relieved before taking one bottle. Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land. I send you this willingly unhesitatingly one, for you are benefactors of the race in giving it the antidote for some of the worst afflictions to which it is heir. Very truly yours, C. J. KESBETT, Editor.</p>	<p>UNBROKEN REST AT NIGHT. J. B. HURLING, Manager, Office Commercial Printing Co., 126 South Clark st., Chicago, Nov. 24, '96. DEAR SIR—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skep- tical of the merits of proprietary medicines, but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it with- out the least objection, from oldest to youngest, and is particularly noticeable that benefit is al- most immediate. A single dose will check most coughs in their beginning; it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifiedly. Yours, J. B. HURLING.</p>
<p>A MIRACLE. K. ASHLEY, Kansas, Dec. 21, '97. [Last Friday, Dec. 19, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four C" Remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough, snore and rattled well, a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs. The second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town pur- chasing holiday goods. MISS JENNIE BARRETT, Washington Avenue and Summit St., Washington, D. C.</p>	<p>IT IS A MIRACLE. Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspond- ent of the Neodesha Kansas Register, has this to say of "Four C": "Phelps is having a wonder- ful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We personally know it is just what it is represented to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It is a miracle."</p>

NOTICE TO DRUGGISTS AND TO THE PUBLIC.
CONTRACT—Druggists are authorized in ALL CASES TO REFUND THE PURCHASE
PRICE, if the Four C Remedy (Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure) fails to give
satisfaction in Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, LaGrippe, Coughs and Colds, no mat-
ter how long standing, or deep seated, in fact I guarantee in all manner of Bron-
chial or Lung trouble, not as a cure-all, but to give unbounded satisfaction. Give
it a trial on the above conditions. I take all chances.
R. R. Phelps, 118 53d Street, Chicago, Ill., Prop.
For sale by Armstrong Bros., C. F. Shilling and W. H. Hubbard.

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The Bright Sunshine
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Nature is putting
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The Best that can be
Take no chances on a ch
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Every stove fully warrant
Hundreds of them in use
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A full line on our floor.

The Big
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240 TO 250

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We advise all intendi
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C. J. NASHBUTT, Editor.

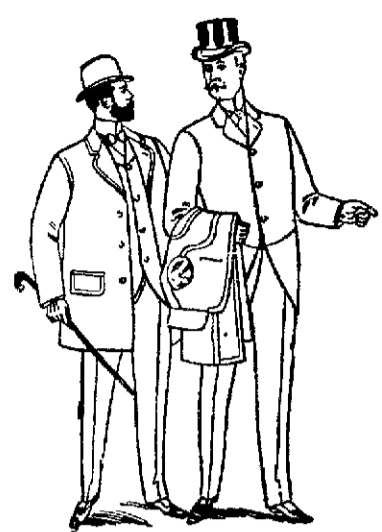
ACUTE LARYNGITIS.
Chicago, Sept. 25, '95.
For years back each winter I have suffered
with acute laryngitis. Last winter was so bad
I could not leave my room for two weeks or
could not speak above a whisper. I tried every
known cough preparation from cough drops up
and down with no relief, then in desperation I
was induced to try Phelps' "Four C." The first
dose relieved my cough, giving me the first
rest for weeks. Half the bottle cured me.
I have never been without this wonderful
remedy since. It is so different from other like
remedies as molasses from vinegar of sugar
from sand.
Mrs. JOSEPH E. GRUBB,
513 Madison Ave.,
Yours, J. E. GRUBB.

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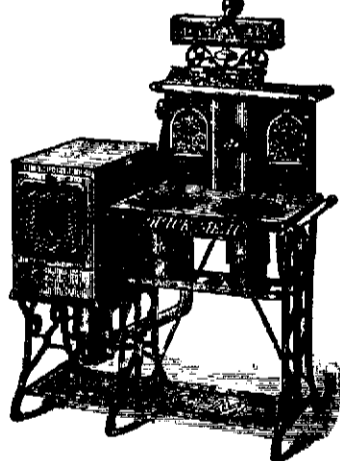
The Bright Sunshine shows up the wrinkles and frayed
edges of all the old and shabby suits along the street.

Nature is putting on a new dress.
Gentlemen, you'd better
get into line.
Our Fair Price Banner
waves over all.

CHEAP CHARLEY, The Reliable Clothier.

BUY A "QUICK MEAL" GASOLINE STOVE.

The Best that can be had.
Take no chances on a cheap,
poorly constructed stove that
may burn your house down.
Every stove fully warranted.
Hundreds of them in use in
Decatur and Macon county.
A full line on our floor.



The Big
Furniture House,
Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.
240 TO 252 E. MAIN STREET.

Advice Gratis...

We advise all intending purchasers of Dress Goods and Mill-
inery to investigate fully before making selections. We are so situated
that we must realize rapidly, and with that idea in view we are cutting
prices right and left all through the stock of New, Bright, Stylish Dress
Goods, Millinery, White Goods, Muslin Underwear, and especially in the
new and up-to-date Wash Dress Fabrics just received. We sell the
White Knox Shape Sailor at \$1.75—the best value on record.

S. G. Hatch & Bro. J. W. Race, Assignee.

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Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest
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located 200 West Main street. Telephone 222-223. Office, 222.

HAVE YOU TRIED
CHASE & SANBORN'S
COFFEES?
Sold Only at—
"The Economy,"
221 North Water Street.

LOCAL NEWS.
Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.
Do not miss the \$1 excursion to In-
dianapolis and return Sunday, May 8, via
I. D. & W., 8:30 a. m.
The Odd Fellows of the city will go to
Mattoon on May 22 to attend the exercises
at the laying of the corner stone of the
Odd Fellows Orphan's Home.
Arnold's Bromo-Colery cure head
aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.
Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on
any goods. Collateral, best rates.
much22-1f
Garden and Flower Seed, Nasturtium,
Sweet Peas, chokes mixed in bulk or
packages. Kentucky Blue Grass all new
and fresh seed. Open evenings. Hughes
& Co., Opera House Block.—mar31-dtf
The ladies of St. John's church will
serve supper from 5 to 7 o'clock on Sat-
urday, May 7, 451 North Water street, St.
John's Place.
Do not fail to go to Springfield Sunday,
May 8 via Wabash to see the boys in
camp. \$1 for the round trip, at 9:30
a. m.
The contract for building the bridge on
the Mt. Pulaski road over Steven's Creek
will be let at a meeting of the town board
tomorrow.
First of the season. \$1 to Indianapolis
and return, Sunday, May 8. Special
train leaving Decatur at 6:30 a. m., via I.
D. & W.
DECATUR ROCK BEER is the
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The Latest in Spring Suitings—T. F.
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camp at Springfield. \$1 for the round
trip via Wabash at 9:30 a. m. Sunday,
May 8.
Step in at the C. B. Prescott music
house and order a Reed & Son's piano
sent to your home. It will be a joy for-
ever.
Open during the day and evening—
Spencer and Lehman Carriage Repository,
at the corner of Main and Wood streets.
They have some open and canopy top
traps that are beautiful and a full line of
fine and medium grade surreys, buggies,
road wagons, etc. These are honest
goods at honest prices.—22-d&wtf
Harry Davis, a tramp, was arrested
last night and put in the county jail for
stealing an overcoat from Harry Swig-
ert's restaurant. The man was at the
restaurant in the morning and last night
he returned and helped himself to an over-
coat. Swigert saw him leaving with the
garment and gave chase and caught him.
He brought Davis to the jail and turned
him over to the sheriff.
A telegram from Assumption states
that the town board met Wednesday
night and licensed five saloons at \$800 a
year. The proprietors are Lee Malhot,
Gleason & Smith, Moran & Mabry, Den-
nis Moran and Sparks & Millie. J. Sal-
mons was appointed day police; I. G.
Middleton, night watch; A. R. Kilburtz,
treasurer, and John Deburn, street com-
missioner. The saloons are all doing
business. The town had been dry one
year.

Excursion Social.
The Christian Endeavor society of the
Congregational church will give an "ex-
cursion social" at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. H. A. Drake on North Edward
street tonight. The excursion train will
start promptly at a given hour and the
passengers taken on at the stations in
regular order. Refreshments will be
served.
Bridge Letting.
The undersigned will receive bids at
the town clerk's office, Decatur, Ill., un-
til 10 o'clock a. m., May 7, 1898, for the
construction of the brick substructure
and steel superstructure of a 100x16 foot
highway bridge and for 5851 cubic yards
of grading. Plans and specifications may
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check for \$100, payable to the treasurer
of the commissioners of highways.
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John H. Miller,
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Bridge Committee of Board of Super-
visors.
Wm. M. Bundy,
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Henry Ammon,
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Attest: Albert H. Cope, Town Clerk.
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The May term of the circuit court will
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ing the week or ten days between the ad-
journment of the last term and the open-
ing of the May term the court room has
been renovated and redecorated.
Installation Postponed.
The members of Decatur Canton, I. O.
U. F., were to have held an installation
of officers last night but postponed the
exercise until the evening of May 19.
SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.
Rev. D. F. Howe, of Springfield,
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Rathbone Sisters from Various Cities
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On Monday May 9, the convention of
delegates from all the temples of the
Rathbone Sisters in the Fifteenth Dis-
trict, comprising the Decatur territory of
the Knights of Pythias order, will be held
in Decatur. It is expected that
several hundred ladies will come to Deca-
tur for the day.

THE PROGRAM.
Afternoon session, 2 to 5 o'clock:
Opening Ceremonies—Myrtle Temple.
Welcome Address—Fern Leaf Temple.
Responses—Ivy Temple.
Music—Song, Golden Temple.
Exemplification of Work—Fern Leaf
Temple.
What Comes Ye Here to Do?—Golden
Temple.
Music—Instrumental, Myrtle Temple.
Our Order—Hyscynth Temple.
Close—Ritualistic.
Evening session, 7:30 to 10 o'clock.
Temple open by visiting officers.
Gramophone—W. L. Smith, Fern Leaf.
Address—Dr. Helen S. Dunn, grand
chief.
Equality—Sullivan.
Question Box.
Recitation—Miss Bertha Huck.
Summary of Our Order—Myrtle Tem-
ple.
Initiation.
Close.
"Bless Be the Tie."
Stereograph Gramophone Entertain-
ment—W. L. Smith Bell Ringer, Concord
company.
STATE OFFICERS.
These state officers have been invited,
and they are expected to be present:
Grand Chief—Dr. Helen S. Dunn, Cen-
tralia.
Grand Senior—Dr. Margaret Mitchell,
Aurora.
Grand Junior—E. Emma King, Deca-
tur.
Grand Manager—Carrie Root, Gardner.
G. M. of R. & C.—Leonore K. Simp-
son, LeRoy.
G. M. of F.—Eva E. McCoy, Clayton.
G. P. of T.—Lettie Pondstone, Grand
Ridge.
G. G. of O. T.—Clarissa Swigart, Far-
mer City.
P. G. C.—Belle Quinlin, Galesburg.
Grand Temper Trustees—One year, El-
sie Menn, Quincy; two years, Leona
Housh, Maquon; three years, Jennie
Hawes, Decatur.
Supreme Representative—Axline Mor-
rey, LeRoy; Belle Quinlin, Galesburg.

Made a Practical Test.
At the water works yesterday Engineer
Stafford made a practical test of the plant
as it is since the improvements are finish-
ed, testing the machinery on an ordinary
day. The results were highly satisfac-
tory to Engineer Daigh, who rebuilt the
water works, and to the others about the
place. Figures in regard to the test will
be given with the full report of the work
done, which will be submitted at the
council meeting Monday night by Mr.
Daigh, when the report of the experts
from Champaign will probably also be
submitted. Mr. Daigh is confident that
the improvements he has made will make
for the city the saving in furnishing wa-
ter which he at first promised. He says
that he has not drawn any salary for five
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ing of the May term the court room has
been renovated and redecorated.

Spanish-American War.
Rev. D. F. Howe, of Springfield,
will lecture on the Spanish-American
War next Monday night at First
Methodist Church. Patriotic music
will be furnished. Admission only
25 cents. 6-2t

FRESH FRUITS
And Vegetables on Sale
for Sunday Dinner.
STRAWBERRIES ARE SCARCE

For This Time of Year and the Price is
High—Good Variety of Other
Stuff to Choose
From.
There will be on sale tomorrow a good
variety of fresh vegetables and fruits to
choose from and the prices for most of it
are reasonable. Strawberries for this time
of year are scarce and the price is high.
Usually at this season they are more
plentiful but the cold and wet weather
had made the season backward. Most all
of the berries now on sale come from
North and South Carolina. The quality
is not up to the standard and the price
tomorrow will be about 20 cents per box.
It will be several weeks before the berries
are plentiful and cheap.
Bananas are also rather scarce. The
best sell for 20 cents per dozen. Oranges
range in price from 20 to 40 cents per
dozen. The higher priced fruit is of a
good quality, but the cheaper grades are
not very good. Lemons sell at 20 cents
per dozen. Pineapples sell for about 25
cents each.
In the line of vegetables there are on-
ions, radishes, beets, rutabaga and aspara-
gus at 5 cents per bunch or three for 10
cents. Lettuce sells for 5 cents per head.
There are some tomatoes but the price is
now rather high. Spinach is offered at a
reasonable price. Potatoes of a good
quality sell for 85 cents per bushel and
eggs are 12½ cents per dozen, a little
higher than they were last week.
Chickens are the only poultry on sale
now. Roasting fowls sell for 12½ cents
per pound dressed weight. There are a
very few springs and they are small and
sell for about 40 cents each.

Will Inspect the Work.
Building Committee of Board of Su-
pervisors Will Meet Tomorrow.
The members of the public building
committee of the board of supervisors will
hold a meeting tomorrow morning at 10
o'clock at the court house to inspect the
work of renovating the interior of the
place. The committee is composed of
James Spence, Ross Hookaday, W. L.
Riber and O. B. Gorin. The work so far
seems to be satisfactory to the supervi-
sors. The contract price of the work was
\$145, but the cost will run up to about
\$200, as some extra work outside of the
contract has been done.

LITTLE BOY RAN AWAY.
From the Orphan's Home at Normal
and was Arrested Last Night.
James Corniola, a boy about 13 years
old, was taken up by the police on the
eve last night. He had run away from
the orphan's home at Normal, Ill., and
had gotten as far as Decatur. The police
brought him to the county jail, where he
was kept in custody and today the super-
intendent of the home was notified and
the boy will be sent back.

Elected Officers.
The members of the Decatur Gas and
Electric company held a meeting yester-
day afternoon and elected the following
officers:
President—J. H. Culver.
Vice President—J. S. Culver.
Treasurer—Homer McCoy.
Secretary and General Manager—George
Danforth.
A portion of the new gas mains which
have been ordered will arrive in the city
next Saturday and will be laid immedi-
ately.
Memorial Day.
Powers' Grand opera house has been se-
cured by the local G. A. R. post for the
holding of their memorial day exercises
and the program of the day is now being
arranged by committee appointed a few
days ago for that purpose. Rev. W. F.
Gillmore has been secured to deliver the
annual memorial address.

Death of a Child.
The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Faris died of brain fever last night
at the family residence in Beardsdale, aged
one year. The time of the funeral will be
announced later.

Went to Peoria.
F. M. Saco, the man who claimed to be
a Cuban insurgent, has gone to Peoria,
where he expects to lecture. He has been
in the city for the past week and has lec-
tured several times but his lectures, he
said, were not a financial success.
Grand Lodge Meeting
and reunion of the B. P. O. Elks. Low
rate excursion to New Orleans, La., via
Illinois Central railroad on May 6, 7 and
8 good returning fifteen days from date
of sale. \$20.15 for round trip. Tickets
on sale at City Office or Union Depot.

EVENING RECITAL.
Pleasing Selections Given by Musical
Culture Club at the Lutz Parlors.
A decidedly pleasing event to the mu-
sical circles was the recital given by the
members of the Musical Culture club at
the music house of S. M. Lutz on North
Water street last evening. Each of the
members of the club was privileged to in-
vite five of their friends and the large
room was crowded to the doors and with
a number standing there being between
300 and 400 people present. The room
was decorated with blooming plants and
cut flowers and during the brief inter-
mission between the first and last half of
the program the young ladies of the club
served frappe and wafers.
The program began at 8:30 o'clock and
was one of the most enjoyable yet given
by the club. The numbers given by the
Lyrie Trio and the Treble Clef Quartet
were enthusiastically received and the
chorus, under the leadership of the pre-
sident, Miss Burrows, gave pleasing evi-
dence of their training, their numbers be-
ing heartily applauded and encored. Miss
Harwood gave a violin solo in her
characteristic manner, which always so
delights her audience. The soloists, Miss
Gusle Gorin and Miss Beatrice Howard,
were welcomed by their friends by a
round of applause. Miss Gorin gave
"Fashion," by Chaminade, with pleasing
technique and finish and Miss Howard
sang her numbers with much expression
and an admirable handling of her sweet
sympathetic voice. Each responded to
an encore. The program was closed by
the beautiful "Rhapsody Hongroise," by
Liszt, which was given by a piano quar-
tet, and which proved one of the best se-
lections of the program.

ELECT OFFICERS.
Mrs. Ida N. Baker President of Wo-
man's Club—Monthly Meeting.
The regular monthly meeting and the
annual election of officers was held at the
Woman's club on Thursday afternoon.
The business of the club for the month
was light. There were two amendments
to the constitution proposed, the first
"that it be made a law that two members
of the same family residing in the city
should be admitted to membership in the
club as one member and the dues for one
member only be paid." The second was
"that the members of the directory be
allowed to serve but one year as directors
of a division."
These amendments were posted on the
bulletin board of the club and will be
acted upon at the next meeting.
The officers for the coming year were
elected as follows:
President—Mrs. Ida N. Baker.
First Vice President—Mrs. E. L.
Bevans.
Second Vice President—Miss Lillian
Irwin.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Florence
McConnell.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Min-
nie P. Hostetter.
Treasurer—Miss Sarah Murphy.

Macon County Was In It.
Blue Mound Leader: It is supposed
that an old Blue Mound boy is in the
great fight at the Philippine Islands last
Sunday. Justin Pinkerton, the second
son of J. F. Pinkerton, who formerly
lived one half mile east of Blue Mound,
has been in the United States navy nearly
five years, and has been with the Ad-
miral's squadron. Dr. D. W. Porter, who is a re-
lative of the family, says he was on the
Olympia, under the direct command of
Commodore Dewey. A Decatur boy, son
of Edward Brown, a shoemaker in that
city, is also supposed to have participated
in the conflict. He was on the cruise
Baltimore.

Patriotic Societies.
On the evening of May 12 the Endeavor
society of the First Baptist church will
give a patriotic social at the church
parlors to which all of their friends are
invited. A patriotic program will be
rendered and refreshments will be served.
The Endeavor societies of the First
Presbyterian church will give a patriotic
social at the church parlors on the even-
ing of May 19. The church will be hand-
somerly decorated in patriotic colors and a
patriotic program will be rendered.
Delegate from Decatur.
Dr. B. L. Maienthal left yesterday for
New Orleans, where he will attend the
national convention of the Elks. He will
join a party of Elks at Louisville.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER
**DR. PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER**
Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

THE CAPTURE OF A FRENCH LINER

DEWEY MAY BE IN A TRAP.

No News at Washington Causes Worry--One Theory of Trouble.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—President McKinley and Secretary Long are worried about Commodore Dewey. They think he should have been heard from before this. They fear he may be bottled up in Manila harbor. This impression is gaining ground in administration circles and at the navy department.

It is recalled that the entrance to Manila bay is through a channel planted with mines. Dewey passed over these silently in the night and no opportunity was given the Spaniards to fire them;

now, if he has not forced a surrender of the city and gained control of the switchboard used in firing the submerged explosives an attempt to leave the harbor by any one of the ships composing the Asiatic squadron would be met with an attack from the mines.

On the other hand it is believed that the commodore has silenced the Spanish guns at the harbor entrance and that any news of the actual result of the Manila engagement will come by cable from Hongkong.

THE "POWERS" TO STAY OUT

Our Navy Might Make It Costly in Case of Too Fresh Intervention --It's Too Late.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Careful inquiry at the state department reveals that our government does not anticipate intervention by any foreign power between the United States and Spain.

In diplomatic circles it is well understood that neither Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, nor Japan, has made the slightest move in the direction of restoring peace, and none will be made until another great naval battle has been fought between Spain's ships and those of the United States. Each of these foreign countries has spent millions of dollars building navies that have never been tried.

Their guns and their ships are largely experimental and they want to know what the navy of the future is going to be. The United States is equally anxious to make sure of her strength, and that there will be another big battle before this war is ended there is absolutely no doubt.

The time may come when the powers will make Spain desist, but they will not dictate to the United States what the conditions shall be.

Europe cannot bring pressure to bear on the United States having as its object the relinquishment of the fruits of war such as was put upon Japan when she was compelled to give up Manchuria and nearly everything else she had won from China. It would be against Great Britain's interests to join in such a movement, and besides, there is no assurance that the United States would be amiable under such circumstances.

Commodore Dewey will not permit meddling by any country in the affairs of Manila. He may permit the landing of troops for the protection of individual interests, but anything further than that would result in having the guns of the Asiatic squadron turned on that trespasser.

stances to be a good offer and was the largest bid that has yet been made for the place. Judge Hammer therefore approved the sale and the residence will go into the hands of Dr. Barnes.

THE HULLIER CASE.

The case of Paul Hullier was again in the county court this morning. Hullier was on the stand to tell the representatives of his creditors how much property he owned. Mrs. Hullier was also on the stand and corroborated her husband in the statement that he did not own any property further than that which was named in the assets when he made an assignment.

PROPT ON TRIAL

For a Serious Charge Before Justice Hardy Today--Trial a Long One.

The trial of G. O. Propt has been in progress before Justice Hardy all day today. Propt is the old man, aged about 60 years, who is charged with having attempted to criminally assault Pearl Douglas, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Douglas, with whom Propt made his home. Quite a number of witnesses were on the stand. The little girl told her story in which she insisted on the guilt of the accused, while on the other hand strong evidence was brought out in favor of Propt. A. H. Mills prosecuted the case and Attorney C. C. Leforge defended. The latter made an excellent defense in his closing arguments. He spoke of the impossibility of the story and urged Douglas for bringing such a young child into the court room to tell such a story. Douglas didn't like the way very much and got up out of his chair, beginning to take his coat off. Deputy Stabler took hold of Douglas and set him down in his chair again. The case is still being argued this afternoon.

For Havana.

Robert L. Sleeth, the photographer, left today for Tampa, via New Orleans. Mr. Sleeth will take advantage of the Elks' excursion to New Orleans and will go from there to Tampa and thence to Havana as soon as arrangements can be made.

Mrs. Clara Eysan-Walker will return to her home at Tacoma, Wash., next Monday after a visit of several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Eysan.

Trying to Run the Blockade to Reach Havana--France May Make a Roar.

Serious International Complication Expected to Follow--Uncle Sam Is Taking No Chances.

KEY WEST, May 6.—(On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Kate Spencer.)—The big French liner Lafayette of Santanazero, with a full complement of passengers and a general cargo, bound from Coruna, Spain, April 28, was captured off Havana shortly after sundown last night by the Annapolis, a third rate cruiser of six guns. The Lafayette was heading directly for Havana, and was captured only after a very exciting chase. After being boarded once by an officer of the Annapolis, she attempted to run for it, but was again compelled to heave to.

The Wilmington, Newport and Merrill participated in the capture. After an examination of the Frenchman's papers a prize crew was placed on board and she was sent to Key West under the escort of the Wilmington. A very delicate international question is thought to be involved. The fact that she is thought to have left a Spanish port after the declaration of war seems to be warrant enough for holding her. On the question of contraband of war. Officers of the Wilmington are reticent. The very large number of male passengers leads to the supposition that she carried recruits for Havana.

It is thought probable that France may raise some question regarding the capture of the Lafayette.

KEY WEST, May 6.—It is said there is a serious international aspect to the capture of the Lafayette, as she mounts guns and is a French naval reserve vessel.

Caused a Sensation in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The seizure of the French liner Lafayette caused a distinct sensation in official and diplomatic circles here, as it is believed it will involve possibly more serious complications than have arisen thus far. Taking the facts as reported officially the state department declares positively that the vessel was a blockade runner, pure and simple, and as such a lawful prize. The fact that whether or not she carried contraband of war is outside of the question. The seriousness of the question, however, lies in the fact that France is not likely to coincide in these views. In the absence of official advice the French ambassador declined to discuss the matter. It is said to be unquestionable, however, that France will at once lodge a protest against the seizure. The view in French quarters is that the vessel will be promptly released in view of the fact that the embassy eight days ago advised the state department that the Lafayette was on her way to this side and might be expected at Havana about this time. The understanding at the embassy is that she sailed from St. Nazaire, France, instead of Coruna, Spain, and that she intended stopping at Havana merely to recoup, prior to proceeding to Vera Cruz, Mex. It is further claimed that she sailed before the war declaration.

What Officers Say.

KEY WEST, FLA., May 6.—Officers of the Lafayette say that her detention will become an international episode.

HE KILLED TWO OFFICERS

Double Murder by a Negro at New Orleans To-Day.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 6.—Corporal Orlan of the police force was shot today and killed by a negro. Later the same negro shot and killed Policeman Trump. A crowd chased the negro into a barn back of the town and was preparing to burn him.

Killed the Murderer.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 6.—Corporal Anthony Cleary was shot and killed by Dennis Barrell, a negro, whom he had arrested for robbery. The police and the mob chased the murderer and finally captured him. He made a fight and shot and killed Officer Trump. The murderer was finally brought down, his body riddled with bullets.

WHEELER AND LEE

Sworn in To-Day as Volunteer Major Generals.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—"Fighting Joe" Wheeler took the oath as major general of volunteers this afternoon. He is not only the first major general of volunteers sworn in, but the first of the ex-federates to receive a commission in the military service. Half an hour later Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was sworn in. The first volunteer officer sworn in was Theodore Roosevelt, as lieutenant colonel.

The Volunteer Army.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—It is announced that the volunteer army will consist of seven corps, each in command of a major general. The places of rendezvous will probably be Fort Myer, Va., Atlanta, Chickamauga, Richmond and Long Island.

Going to Cuba.

KEY WEST, May 6.—Commodore Watson, General Shafter and Colonel Lawton arrived here today.

KILLED IN AFRICA.

Names of American Missionaries Who Lost Their Lives.

LONDON, May 6.—The colonial office has received the names of the American missionaries murdered during the rebellion at Batifunk, Sierra Leone, West Africa. They are Mr. and Mrs. Caine, Misses Archer, Hatfield and Schenck. The other missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Minshall and the Misses Mullen and Ward, are safe at Freetown.

PROF. BAKER IN DECATUR.

He is Here for the Purpose of Drawing Plans for the Long Creek Bridge.

Prof. Baker of the University of Illinois at Champaign, is in the city today. He came here to draw plans for a bridge in Long Creek township. The professor left the city early this morning for Long Creek township to take measurements from which he will draw his plans. He will be in the city tomorrow when the Decatur town board lets the contract for the bridge over Steven's Creek on the Mt. Pleasant road.

Given a Flag.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 6.—Anna Held, the French actress, today presented General Fitz-Simons of the 1st brigade, a flag which she made.

Dr. Thomas, chaplain of the 1st regiment has resigned. Rev. Preston takes his place.

Continued.

The case of Strassburg against Hampton, for assault and battery, which came up before Justice Hardy today, was continued until next Tuesday. W. B. Taylor is attorney for the plaintiff.

Missionary Program

The Missionary committee will have charge of the program at the meeting of the Epworth League at the Wesley church to-night.

Members of the Keystone club, Bloomington, assisted the Joliet team in the challenge contest with Aurora this week at Joliet, and the Aurora team was the victor by nine tricks. It is claimed that the six Keystone players kept down the score at least twelve tricks.

DECATUR U. S. A. VOLUNTEERS

"Lee Maine" Letter Giving Side Light News at Camp Tanner.

CAMP TANNER, Springfield, Ill., May 6.—7:30 p. m.—The transformation of a regiment of militia into a body of United States troops may be interesting from the outsider's standpoint, but it is full of wearisome monotony for the men transferred and for those who stand behind the scenes.

The examination of surgeons was the first step. Several college professors were among the candidates and they await with the youngest of the medical men. Dr. Senn of Chicago says it was amusing to look over the papers of doctors of national reputation and find how much they had forgotten of anatomy and other elementary branches. He also says he is astonished at the number of flat footed medical men.

The next step in the mustering in was to find the senior colonel of the Illinois National Guard. This man proved to be Colonel Culver of the home regiment. He and his staff then underwent the ordeal. In the case of line officers the examination was a physical one only. After the colonel was put through the senior major and his battalion marched to the armory in Springfield and filed passed the surgeons.

The regular army doctor, Dr. Senn and Dr. Adams made up the examining board, while Dr. Keeley and Dr. Beyans, the regimental surgeons, did preliminary work. It is a curious sight to see 50 naked men awaiting examination, every one badly scared and with palpitating heart. One man, today, held back after he was ready to go to the inner room. He explained that he wanted to go to war but couldn't make himself face the examination. His face turned purple and he trembled perceptibly. After much persuasion he entered the room, but soon came out and dressed. He is popular in the regiment and officers and men used every means to overcome his seemingly sincere nervousness. Finally Dr. Senn came out and after careful questioning found that the man in early life had had epileptic spasms and that his strange fear was probably a manifestation of this disorder. He was rejected at once.

After working all day today and yesterday two battalions have been passed by the surgeons. Peoria's was the first company mustered into the service of the United States. Company H of Decatur will have its turn tomorrow. Very few rejections are expected because of the thoroughness of the two preliminary examinations which have weeded out the physically disabled ones.

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STORMY TIMES IN SPAIN.

People Call for Weyler to Lead--Queen to Quit the Capital.

LONDON, May 6.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:

"Apartments have been reserved at a hotel here for the queen regent of Spain in case she arrives before apartments have been prepared for her in her brother's palace."

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LONDON, May 6.—A bulletin from Vienna says telegrams from the Austrian ambassador at Madrid indicate that the queen regent is only awaiting a suitable moment to quit Spain without injuring the king's interest.

Spanish Crisis.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Dispatches indicate that the crisis in Spain has become intensified. The people appear to want Weyler and Robledo in charge of affairs, and should the military clique decide to abandon the ministry the Sagasta government would go to pieces in an hour.

The queen regent is rapidly losing her little popularity she has, and is now indifferently referred to as "that Austrian woman." It is believed she would quit Spain at once should she believe that such a step would promote the interests of the infant king.

Meanwhile the trouble in the provinces increases and unless the duties on breadstuffs are speedily reduced the rioting may become a revolution. Thus far a number of persons have been killed and wounded and several buildings wrecked.

In the financial world all is chaos. Run on banks everywhere prevail, and the funds withdrawn are being hoarded. The speech of Lord Salisbury in London has enraged the Spaniards. They discern that with England in sympathy with America the other European powers will hesitate to act for Spain. The outlook in Madrid grows darker every hour that passes.

The Offer of the Season.

An extraordinary event, that we found to our interest to take advantage of, enables us to offer you a line of Misses, Children and Baby Shoes at the following low prices:

Baby's Black and Tan Shoes, sizes from 2 to 4, at.....25c
Children's Black and Tan Shoes, sizes from 5 to 8.....50c
Children's Black and Tan Shoes, sizes from 8 1/2 to 11.....65c
Misses' Black and Tan Shoes, sizes from 1 1/2 to 2.....90c
Little Girls' Black and Tan Shoes, sizes from 9 to 13.....\$1.00
WALTER HUTCHIN,
139 N. Water st., (Sign of the Big Shoe),
6-22

SUNDAY CAMP

To be a Big Day--Grand

CAMP TANNER, Springfield, May 6.—The sun is shining on Camp Tanner for the first time in three days. The night was cold and cheerless, but the weather is warming up nicely. All the boys have borne the cold and disagreeableness like true soldiers and without a murmur.

The examining and enlisting officers of the United States army will complete the work of mustering into the United States service all of the 5th regiment, Ill. N. G., commanded by Colonel Culver, today. The work of enlisting the 3d regiment begins this afternoon at the armory.

Company B of the 3rd, the command of Captain Preston, of Joliet, will be examined first, he being the ranking captain of the 1st battalion. When the 3d is completed by the United States army officers the command of Col. D. Jack Foster will be enlisted, he being the third ranking colonel in the National Guard.

Colonel Young, commanding the 1st cavalry, on permission of the United States army, has appointed Lieut. Ray B. Harper of the 7th cavalry, U. S. A., lieutenant colonel of the 1st cavalry of Illinois.

Lieutenant Cooper arrived today. Rev. C. S. Bullock of Chicago has been appointed chaplain of the 1st cavalry by Colonel Young and begins his new duties today.

Lieutenant Colonel Harper was a classmate of Point of Lieutenant Thomas as Robert of Springfield, and is well known here, having many times visited Camp Tanner during the annual tour of

NAVAL W

Scheme of Operation Message from W

CHICAGO, May 6.—The Times-Herald Washington special says: "Admiral Sampson and the fighting division of the north Atlantic squadron is sailing toward Porto Rico to meet the Spanish armada."

"The blockading division of that squadron, under the command of Commodore Schley, will maintain the patrol of Cuba waters with unrelaxed vigilance and keep Havana bottled up from the outside."

Commodore Schley's flying squadron will maintain vigil at Hampton Roads so as to be prepared to ward off attack on the north Atlantic coast. If the Spanish fleet is discovered heading for the waters of Porto Rico or Cuba Commodore Schley will scurry south to join Admiral Sampson and take a hand in crushing the enemy.

"If the armada is reported as aiming at

Spanish Spy Arrested.

CAMDEN, N. J., May 6.—A Spanish spy was arrested yesterday at Dialogues ship yards by a secret service detective. The spy had in his possession complete plans of the gunboat Princeton. He has been about the yards for 10 days. No one seems to know his name, nor do the Spaniards know what the officers did with him.

France Knows It All.

LONDON, May 6.—The Chronicle Paris correspondent says that the arrangements between England and the United States on the subject of the Philippine Islands are looked upon in the best informed circles here as half settled. No conference is considered necessary until the war is concluded.

Sailed.

BUENOS AYRES, May 6.—The Spanish torpedo gunboat Temerario has sailed.

More Prizes.

KEY WEST, FLA., May 6.—Two prizes, both Spanish fishing schooners, have been brought in.

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Meanwhile the trouble in the provinces increases and unless the duties on breadstuffs are speedily reduced the rioting may become a revolution. Thus far a number of persons have been killed and wounded and several buildings wrecked.

In the financial world all is chaos. Runs on banks everywhere prevail, and the funds withdrawn are being hoarded.

The speech of Lord Salisbury in London has enraged the Spaniards. They discern that with England in sympathy with America the other European powers will hesitate to not for Spain. The outlook in Madrid grows darker every hour that passes.

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THE TALK OF THE CITY.

It's of interest to our readers, because it refers to Decatur People.

It's astonishing how good news will spread. From every ward and street we hear of our people talking about the workings of the little conqueror. Merit and honorable methods receive their just reward. So many cases are cropping up that it is next to impossible to investigate them all, but we have taken a few in hand and give them publicity for the benefit of our readers. Our representative obtained the following statement of facts in a personal interview. They are true in every particular, and no stronger evidence can be obtained than home endorsement.

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other, near which our guide book told us were the remains of Netley Abbey. The high roof of the hospital gleamed in the last rays of the sun. I hold the picture of it all in my mind.

We went to Canute's palace, and found it a stable. It was too late to take a journey to the historic New Forest, or to take a ride on the oak-lined Winchester road. So we walked along the great street by the sea over which travelers had passed for thousands of years. Splendid steamers were near, like an iron wall, but the atmospheres of the past were still every where.

We found our steamer among the ocean palaces at the many wharves, and learned that she was to leave on the day after the day that followed, having a special passenger engagement, with a great tourist party.

As we were returning, we cast our eyes up to a tall warehouse and read: "On this place Canute rebuked the vanity of his courtiers by ordering back the sea!"

"It was a wise old head he had," said Lettie, who seemed more familiar than we with the exact historical circumstances, "and I would rather stay all night in the stable than be his palace than to be robbed where we are going now. The robber will be old, and dark, and creepy like, and all bent over, and his eyes will be black, and his beard long, and his fingers will all go wiggly-waggly."

"That will do, Lettie," said I. "Such talk as that makes my wife nervous. We shall not be robbed. Travelers returning home are never robbed. Their letters of credit are too small to tempt thieves—mine always is."

The lights began to twinkle in the stores, and there was holly in many windows. There was a little sailors' church near the sea to which men were carrying evergreens for decorations.

"The town needs no trimming," said I, as we passed along the Canute Road toward the ancient walls that faced the sea. "The old fortifications and towers are mantled with ivy all the year. This port is associated with William, the Conqueror, I believe; here may have come Queen Matilda's ship with the many-colored silken sails. I fancied I had said something bright and classic."

I wondered what reply Lettie would make to so much learning as that.

"And only to think what tragedies this place has seen, only to think of them!" said the ready Lettie. "This is the place where people disappear—I have read; and they have not all gone yet. I mind. I shall be glad when you are on the sea."

The red sun had gone down. The sea lights were twinkling, and the port town grew very still. There were street lights here and there, the lamp posts being placed at long distances with great economy. We returned to the little, old, rambling inn, found our supper of fried sole and fragrant tea awaiting us; ate it with a relish; talked briefly with some travelers in the office and reception room, which in this case was one, and I and my wife went to our room.

Lettie did not follow at once. She said: "I wish to make a few purchases at the shops around the corner," and went out. We heard the gate close behind her. She had not gone long. She returned, saying: "Things look very strange around here. Are your valuables all safe?"

I had no valuables to be otherwise than safe. But my wife had a jewel case which she bought in Geneva, and had received some gold in her letter of credit in London. She always had money; her bank never failed.

She started at Lettie's question, and said: "If anything should happen, Lettie, see here; I have put money and jewelry into my sleeve pocket, in this sash, and I am going to hang the sash under my morning dress here in plain sight this side of your door."

There was a strong book on the side of the door in our room that opened into Lettie's room. My wife hung the sash in the hidden way that she had described, where it could be recovered immediately, in case of an alarm.

PART II.

Lettie's room joined ours, and opened into it. Both apartments were ample. Soon after she closed her door, she rapped nervously, and on my wife's saying "come," she ventured:

"Strange that they should have put us on the ground floor. There is a door at the end of my room—where do you suppose it goes to? It opens out. Oh, always beware of rooms that open out. I've read of them—I haven't read books and books for nothing."

The landlady appeared while Lettie's imagination was thus active.

"Have you everything that you will need for the night?" said she to my wife, rattling some keys which were bound around her waist by a long cord.

"I would like two tallow dips, if you please," piped Lettie, putting her head into the door.

"Certainly, it is two tallow dips that you can have—I mean always to be accommodating, but you will not need them. Will you sit up long?"

"I feel that I will sit up all night! It is so nervous that I am, madam. It is the state of 'imagination,' I have sometimes."

The landlady did not comprehend.

"There surely can be nothing to make you nervous here; there is not a more peaceable spot in all England," she said. "The guests that come here are mostly sea captains." She turned away to send a servant with another dip for Lettie.

"I wonder," said the latter, "if all the sea captains that come here sail away again, or whether this is not the end of the voyage with some of them. I can feel that there is a tall man in the other room. People have astral bodies."

"Oh, Lettie, talk no more," said I. "Go into your room and be quiet for the rest of the night," I answered. "I will no sooner touch the bed than I will be sound asleep."

She closed the door timidly with a faint good night.

"Astral bodies—what are they?" asked my wife. "What do you suppose the girl means?"

"I haven't the remotest notion," said I. "She has read novels till she is flighty at times—a little touched in mind."

I sunk into a bed of feathers under a canopy—a valance of Dolly Varden pattern, such as Pickwick may have found at the Red Cross Inn, on the night of the untoward happenings.

I was soon in the bliss of a transient oblivion, when I was aroused by hearing my wife say in a stage voice,—"Horace?"

"What is it?"

"Horace, get up."

"Why?" I asked, in the shortest possible interrogation.

"Don't you hear? Lettie is knocking on the door again."

There came a rapid knock. I roused and listened. It came again. "What now?" I said, impatiently.

"There's something in the other room," she whispered, then added: "It is awful. It is no fit of imaginations that I am having—you can see it yourself—do come, do, or I shall fly."

"Well, fly," said I. "Confound it," I added; "this is too bad!"

My wife was on her feet, and opened the door leading into Lettie's apartment.

"Still-like, still," I heard Lettie say, tiptoeing. "Hist—"

My wife disappeared in the room of mystery.

Presently she returned.

"You will have to come, Horace," she said, in a very troubled voice; there is something."

I partly dressed and entered the room. At the foot of this room was an antique door, and over the door was a transom that would turn. Lettie had mounted a chair and opened the transom, and had made some discovery that had filled her heart with terror. My wife had also looked through the transom, and had taken alarm at something that she had seen.

"What is it now?" I asked.

"There is something very strange at the farther end of the other room," whispered my wife. "Listen!"

I stood silent and presently heard a very innocent voice in the next room say:

"Now, my hearty, I have you all made up. How do you think he looks?"

There was a long silence.

Then a joyous laugh rang out, and a rippling voice said,

"I don't think he looks much like a thief, after all."

The word thief caused our little maid's cap border to bob, and one of her hands to dart up into the air, and the ends of her fingers to quiver.

Presently a voice, and it seemed as if the patience of the ages was in it, said moderately in the next apartment,

"This one is all right—now I will make up another thief!"—My wife looked at me in the deepest concern.—"Three will be enough to knock the good heretic off his horse, and to rob him, and leave him for dead," continued the forbidding voice, in a tone like an ancient priest that echoed through the transom.

We three stood freezing at these words, and our little maid's left hand went up like an exclamation point, as her right hand had done. Every nerve in her body seemed to be in a tension of excitement.

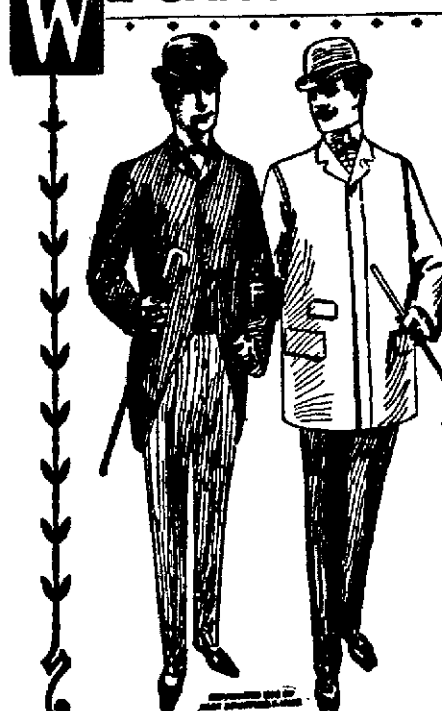
"All the saints deliver us!" she whispered, in a stage voice, bringing her two hands together. "Phoebe!"

She stepped toward the chair under

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